

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action.

Applicants request an initialed PTO-1449 confirming consideration of references cited in the IDS filed on August 4, 2005.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Flannery (US publication 2002/0086711 A1, hereinafter “Flannery”). For at least the following reasons, the Examiner’s rejection is respectfully traversed.

With regard to claim 1, Flannery does not describe each and every feature set forth in the claim.

Flannery does not disclose a front face and a back face of one of the first casing and the second casing formed with respective sound emission holes that are opposed to each other and a speaker provided at a position corresponding to the sound emission holes. Flannery discloses only a speaker on a first section, a microphone on a second section, and two displays on at least one casing (see page 2, paragraphs [0022]-[0024] and Figs 4 and 5). In Flannery, holes for the speaker and the microphone are on respective front faces of different casings. Therefore, Flannery does not disclose respective sound emission holes on a front face and a back face of a casing. Since Flannery does not describe each and every feature set forth in claim 1, Flannery cannot anticipate claim 1.

Claim 2 depends on claim 1, and thus is patentable for at least the same reasons as the parent claim.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the

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application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned agent to expedite prosecution of the present application. If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 37122.

Respectfully submitted,

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